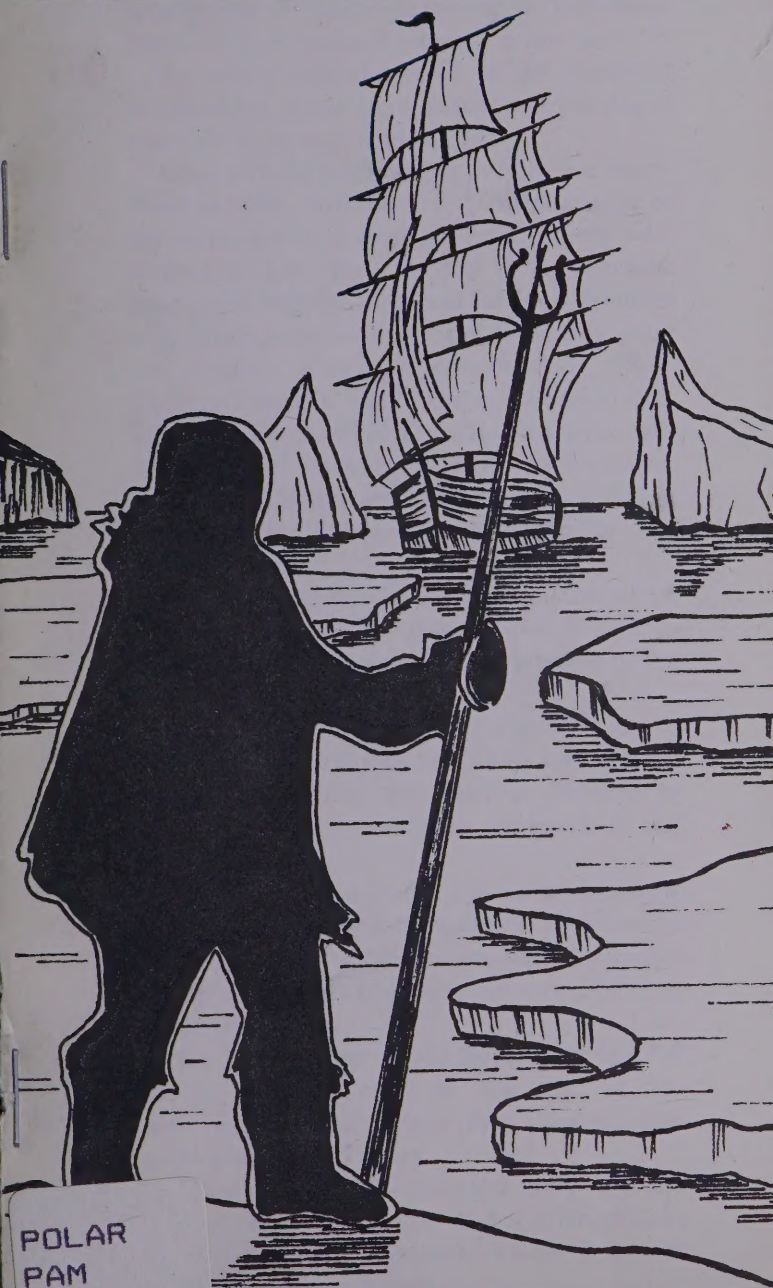


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**INTRODUCTION TO ADMIRAL WRIGHT
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REAR ADMIRAL NOEL WRIGHT, Retd. CB, OBE died at Alverstoke, Gosport in England on April 18, 1975, after devoting nearly four decades of service to the Royal Navy and a lifetime of interest in the sea.

He held a special interest in the maritime explorations of northern waters and the pages that follow represent his legacy.

After retiring from active duty in the Royal Navy in 1945, Admiral Wright turned most of his attention to a close study of others who shared a love for the sea. He became engrossed with the efforts of Sir John Franklin and subsequent searches and from this grew the creation of two Franklin books: "New Light on Franklin" and "Quest for Franklin". His fascination with Franklin led him into contact with Canadian counterparts and he developed a happy association that resulted in an honorary lifetime membership in the Franklin Probe.

His son Richard, who has been instrumental in the conveyance of this unique library to Northern Canada, maintains an interest in the quest.

Admiral Wright inherited his interest in the navy quite naturally as his family hailed from the famous North Sea port of Whitby in Yorkshire and the maritime influence of the Isle of Wight.

His talents as an author also developed over the years, writing four adventure stories in addition to the Franklin studies. Another hobby in his years of retirement was collecting steamship prints.

Noel Wright entered the Royal Navy in 1908 as an assistant clerk at the age of 18, launching a naval career that spanned two great wars and 37 years.

His early service included duty on the battleships Hindustan and Collingwood, where he came into contact with the Prince of Wales and Prince Albert.

He was based at Scapa Flow with the Grand Fleet and served under Admiral Sturdee in the

Battle of Jutland, the largest naval encounter of the First World War.

Service between the wars took Noel Wright to many of the world's great seas and four of the five continents. He had his introduction to Canada then, crossing the country twice by train while Naval Secretary to the Commodore in Hong Kong. He was also stationed in China, the South African Cape, the Aegean and Mediterranean seas, mostly as secretary to senior officers.

This time was interspersed with two terms at the Admiralty headquarters, Naval Intelligence Division. In the late 1930s, he was deeply involved in the evacuation of 3,000 British and European refugees from Barcelona and other Mediterranean ports escaping from the Spanish Civil War.

The Second World War found Commander Wright again at sea as supply officer to Mediterranean and Middle East fleets. He was promoted to Rear Admiral and appointed to the Staff of Admiral Sir Max Horton, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic convoy western approaches operations. Admiral Wright served there as command supply officer, his final duty appointment before a December 1945 retirement.

Admiral Wright's strong personal interest in Sir John Franklin during his years of retirement culminated in the sponsorship of an expedition to Cape Britannia on Chantrey Inlet near Gjoa Haven.

His perpetual gift to Canada and its northern people is this thorough collection of Arctic books, listed chronologically in the following pages. It covers a span of 150 years from 1821 to 1971.

The earliest entry is William Parry's journal of his Northwest Passage searches of 1819-20, written a year later in England.

Most of the 72-book collection is British, but a handful are published in Paris and New York.

The volumes read like a Who's Who of the Arctic: Parry, Lyon, Ross, Back, Simpson, Belcher, McClure, McClintock, Hall, Nansen, Amundsen, Stefansson.

And Noel Wright.



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Journal of A Voyage for the Discovery of A North-West Passage from the Atlantic To The Pacific - performed in the years 1819-20 in His Majesty's Ships HECLA and GRIPER under the orders of William Edward Perry.

**William Edward Perry,
R.N., F.R.S.**

Murray-London 1821

Journal of A Second Voyage for the Discovery of A North-West Passage from the Atlantic to the Pacific - performed in the years 1821-22-23 in His Majesty's Ships FURY and HECLA under the orders of Captain William Edward Parry.

**Captain William Edward Parry
R.N., F.R.S.**

Murray-London 1824

The Private Journal of Captain G. F. Lyon of H.M.S. HECLA during the Recent Voyage of Discovery under Captain Parry.

Captain G. F. Lyon

Murray-London 1825

Journals of the First, Second and third Voyages for the Discovery of A North-West Passage from Atlantic to the Pacific in 1819-20-21-22-23-24-25 in His Majesty's Ships HECLA, GRIPER and FURY under the orders of Captain W. E. Parry, R.N., F.R.S. in Five Volumes (duodecimo)

W. E. Parry

Murray-London 1828

Journal to the Shores of the Polar Seas in 1819-20-21-22 with A Brief Account of the Second Journey in 1825-26-27 in Four Volumes (duodecimo)

**John Franklin, Captain,
R.N., F.R.S.**

Murray-London 1829

Narrative of a Second Voyage in search of a North-West Passage and of a residence in the Arctic Regions during the years 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832 and 1833

Includes the reports of Commander, now Captain James Clark Ross, R.N., F.R.S., F.L.S., etc.

**Sir John Ross, C.B., K.S.A.
K.C.S., etc.**

A. W. Webster
- London 1835

The Last Voyage of Captain John Ross, R.N., for the Discovery of a North West Passage, performed in the years 1829, 30, 31, 32 and 33, by an officer attached to the Expedition

Note: title page is signed by J. B. Harbord

Robert Huish

John Saunders
London 1835

Narrative of the Arctic Land Expedition to the Mouth of The Great Fish River and along the Shores of the Arctic Ocean, in the years 1833, 1834 and 1835

**Captain Back, R.N.,
Commander of the
Expedition**

Murray-London 1836

Narrative of An Expedition in H.M.S. Terror undertaken with a view to Geographical Discovery on The Arctic Shores in the years 1836-37

Signed by the author Captain Back

Captain Back, R.N.

Murray-London 1838

Life and Travels of Thomas Simpson, the Arctic Discoverer

Alexander Simpson

Bentley-London 1845

An Arctic Voyage to Baffin's Bay and Lancaster Sound in Search of Friends with Sir John Franklin

Robert Anstruther Goodsir

Voorst-London 1850

Voyage of the Prince Albert in Search of Sir John Franklin: A Narrative of every-day life in the Arctic Seas

Note: Book signed by Sophia Cracroft
1851

W. Parker Snow

Longmans, Brown,
Green and
Longmans-London 1851

Sutherland's Journal 1850-51 in two volumes

Journal of A Voyage in Baffin's Bay and Barrow Straits in the years 1850-1851 performed by H.M. Ships "Lady Franklin" and "Sophia" under the command of Mr. William Penny

Peter Sutherland, M.D.,

Longman-London 1852

A Summer Search for Sir John Franklin

Title page endorsed "To Mr. H. C. Maudslay with the author's compliments November 17th, 1853"

**Commander E. A. Inglefield,
R.N.**

Harrison-London 1853

Voyage Aux Mers Polaires Execute A La Pecherche de Sir John Franklin, En 1851 et 1852

J. R. Bellot

Perrotin-Paris 1854

"The Last of the Arctic Voyages"; being a narrative of the expedition in H.M.S. Assistance, under the command of Captain Edward Belcher, C.B., in search of Sir John Franklin, during the years 1852-53-54

With notes on the natural history by Sir John Richardson, Professor Owen, Thomas Bell, J. W. Salter and Lovell Reeve

Note: numerous colour plates
Volume 2 never received

Captain E. Belcher

Lovell Reeve-
London 1855

Stray Leaves from An Arctic Journal or
Eighteen Months in the Polar Regions in
Search of Sir John Franklin's expedition in
1850-51. To which is added the Caille, Last
Voyage, and fate of Captain Sir John Franklin

Captain Sherard Osborn,
C.B.

Blackwood-London 1855

The Discovery of the North-West Passage, by
H.M.S. "Investigator", Captain R. M'Clure,
1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854

Edited by Captain Sherard
Osborn, C.B., etc., from
the logs and journals of
Captain Robert Lem M'Clure

Longsmans-London 1857

The North-west Passage and the Plans for the
Search for Sir John Franklin

Flyleaf endorsed "To Captain John F.
Atkinson with the sincere esteem and best
wishes of the author 20/6/58

John Brown, F.R.G.S.

Stanford-London 1858

The Voyage of the "Fox" in the Arctic Seas - a
narrative of the discovery of the fate of Sir
John Franklin and his companions

Note: Flylead endorsed "Arthur
Franklin Guillemard from
his mother July 14th, 1860"
(was Lady Franklin's nephew)

Captain M'Clintock, R.N.,
LL.D.

Murray-London 1859

Arctic Researchers and Life Among the
Esquimaux: being the narrative of an
expedition in search of Sir John Franklin, in
the years 1860, 1861 and 1862

Charles Francis Hall

Harper and
Brothers,
New York 1865

The Open Polar Sea - a narrative of a Voyage
of Discovery Towards the North Pole in the
Schooner "United States"

Dr. I. I. Hayes

Low-London 1867

A Whaling Cruise to Baffin's Bay and the Gulf
of Boothia and an account of the Rescue of the
crew of the "Polaris"

Albert Hastings Markham,
F.R.G.S., Introduction
by Rear Admiral Sherard
Osborn

Low-London 1875

The Threshold of the Unknown Region

Clements R. Markham, C.B.,
F.R.S.

Low-London 1875

New Lands within the Arctic Circle narrative
of the discoveries of the Austrian Ship
"Tegetthoff" in the years 1872-1874 in Two
Volumes

Julius Paer

MacMillan-
London 1876

The Land of the White Bear: being a short
account of the "Pandora's" voyage during the
summer of 1875

Lieutenant F. G. Innes-
Lillington, R.N., F.R.G.S.

J. Griffin and
Co., Portsmouth,
and Simpkin,
Marshall and Co.
London 1876

The Three Voyages of William Barents to the
Arctic Regions (1594, 1595 & 1596)

Gerrit De Veer

Hakluyt 1877
Society-London MDCCCLX-
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The Two Voyages of the 'Pandora' in 1875 and 1876

Sir Allen Young, R.N.R.

Stanford-London 1879

Narrative of the Second Arctic expedition
made by Charles F. Hall: his voyage to
Repulse Bay, sledge journeys to the Straits of
Fury and Hecla and to King William's Land,
and, residence among the Eskimos during the
years 1864-'69

Edited by Professor
J. E. Nourse, U.S.N.

Government
Printing Office
Washington 1879

The Voyage of the VEGA

A. E. Nordenskiöld

MacMillan-
London 1883

Voyages of Discovery in the Arctic and
Antarctic Seas, and Round the World: being
personal narratives of attempts to reach the
North and South Poles: and of an open-boat
expedition up the Wellington Channel in
search of Sir John Franklin and Her Majesty's
Ships "Erebus" and "Terror", in Her
Majesty's Boat "Forlorn Hope"

Deputy Inspector-General
R. McCormick, R.N., F.R.C.S.

Sampson Low
-London 1884

Arctic Explorations in Search for Sir John
Franklin

Elisha Kent Kane, M.D.,
U.S.N.

Nelson-London 1885

Journal of H.M.S. Enterprise, of the
expedition in search of Sir John Franklin's
ships by Behring Strait 1850-55

Captain Richard Collinson,
C.B., R.N.
Commander of the
Expedition

Sampson, Low,
Marston, Searle
and Rivington
Limited-London 1889

Life of Sir John Franklin and the North-West
Passage

Captain Albert Hastings
Markham, R.N.
Philip-London 1891

The First Crossing of Greenland

Fridtjof Nansen
Longman,
Green-London 1893

The Great Frozen Sea - A personal narrative of
the Voyage of the "Alert" during the Arctic
Expedition of 1875-76

Rear Admiral
Albert Hastings Markham,
R.N.
London 1894

Danish Arctic Expeditions 1605 to 1609
including the Expedition of Captain Jens
Munk

C. C. A. Gosch
Hakluyt
Society-London 1897

Farthest North - The Norwegian Polar
Expedition in 1893-1896 in the ship "FRAM"
in Two Volumes

Fridtjof Nansen
Constable-
Westminster 1897

Early Danish & English Voyages to
Spitsbergen in the seventeenth century

Sir Martin Conway, F.S.A.
Hakluyt
Society-London 1904

New Land, four years in the Arctic Regions

Otto Sverdrup

Longsman,
Green-London 1904

The North-West Passage - being the record of
a Voyage of Exploration of the Ship "GJOA"
1903-1907 in Two Volumes

Roald Amundsen

Constable-London 1908

Life of Admiral Sir Leopold McClintock,
K.C.B., D.C.L., L.L.D., F.R.S., V.P.R.G.S.

Sir Clements Markham,
K.C.B., F.R.S.

Murray-London 1909

In Northern Mists: Arctic exploration in early
times

Fridtjof Nansen
G.C.V.O., D.S.C., PhD.

William
Hienemann-London 1911

The Land of Silence - a history of Arctic and
Antarctic Exploration

Sir Clements R. Markham,
K.C.B., F.R.S.

University
Press,
Cambridge 1921

My Life with the Eskimos

Vilhjalmur Stefansson

Harrap-London 1924

Andree's Story - The complete record of his
Polar Flight, 1897 from the diaries of S. A.
Andree, Nils Strindberg and K. Fraenkel
found on White Island in the summer of 1930

**Edited by the Swedish
Society for Anthropology
and Geography**

Vicking Press-
New York 1930

Klengenberg of the Arctic - An Autobiography

Edited by Tom MacInnes

Cape-London 1932

The Great North Pole Fraud

W. Henry Lewin

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Watkins' Last Expedition

F. Spencer Chapman

Penguin-

Middlesex 1938

**Forty Thousand Against the Arctic Russia's
Polar Empire**

H. P. Smolka

Hutchinson-

London 1938

Modern Arctic Exploration

Gunnar Seidenfaden

Cape-London 1939

**Sir John Franklin's Last Arctic Expedition - A
Chapter in the History of the Royal Navy**

Richard J. Cyriax

Methuen-London 1939

**Arctic Journeys - The story of the Oxford
University Ellesmere Land Expedition 1934-35**

Stoughton-

London 1939

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Vilhjalmur Stefansson

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Ivan Papanin

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London 1940

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Jonathan

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Malcolm MacDonald

Oxford Press-
London 1945

Gino Watkins

J. M. Scott

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London 1946

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Andrew Croft

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Francis J. Woodward

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Stoughton-London 1951

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World**

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death of Sir John Franklin**

G. F. Lamb

Benn-London 1956

Sverdrup's Arctic Adventure

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Admiral Noel Wright with my best
wishes - Tom Fairley 3 May 1960"

T. C. Fairley

Longmans-
London 1959

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Noel Wright

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London 1959

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Ann Parry

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Windus-
London 1963

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Cassell-London 1966

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T. H. Raddall

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